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Attorney Docket Number	70025-US04-139
First Named Inventor	SHARMA, Shubh D.
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Application Number	/
Filing Date	January 20, 2004
Group Art Unit	
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BICYCLIC MELANOCORTIN-SPECIFIC COMPOUNDS

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

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(if applicable).

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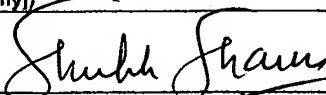
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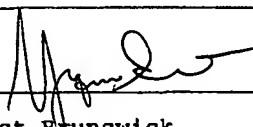
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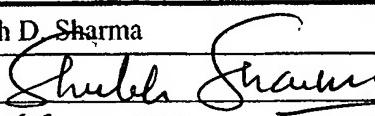
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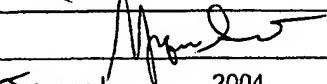
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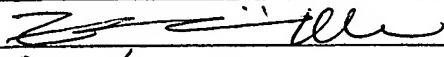
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